

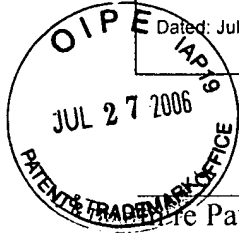
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Michael Ray TILLER et al.

Application No.: 10/748,784

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For: RADIAL PUMPING OIL SEAL FOR FLUID  
DYNAMIC BEARING MOTOR

Examiner: L. Footland

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the final Office Action mailed February 27, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 27, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.